

I. UNIFORMED SERVICES

A. Who Can Do It

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of Illinois and members of the U.S. Service. Defined as:

- Members of the Uniformed Services and their family members when residing with them or accompanying them. Uniformed Services are defined as the U.S. Armed Forces, merchant marine, commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
- U.S. Government employees serving outside the U.S.

B. Registering and Requesting an Absentee Ballot

You should send an FPCA to your local election official early every year and whenever you change your mailing address (see Chapter 2).

Illinois waives your registration.

To apply for an absentee ballot, the local election official must receive your FPCA ballot request not later than 10 days before the election.

C. Casting Your Vote

Ballot Return Deadline: Voted ballot must arrive at the local election office in sufficient time for delivery to polling place by 7 p.m. on election day.

Local election officials send regular absentee ballots 45 days before a primary or special election and 60 days before the general election.

If regular absentee ballots are not available 60 days before the general election, local election officials mail a Special Write-In Absentee Voter's Blank ballot with a list of candidates who have qualified to be on the ballot and all referenda for which the voter is qualified to vote.

If you are outside the U.S. and have not received your state ballot in a timely manner, use the **Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot**. See instructions in Chapter 2, page 12.

D. Notary/Witness Requirements

No registration or voting materials are notarized or witnessed.

E. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

- Illinois allows you to send your FPCA applications for an absentee ballot by fax if you are a member of the Armed Forces. After faxing, submit the FPCA by mail.
- Illinois does not allow you to receive the blank ballot by fax.
- Illinois does not allow you to return the voted ballot by fax.

Please refer to Appendix C for specific instructions when transmitting election materials electronically. Use the following numbers:

DSN 223-5527
(703) 693-5527
1-800-368-8683

Additional international toll-free fax numbers are listed on the inside back cover.

F. Application for Ballot by Proxy

If you are a member of the U.S. Service, and your spouse, dependent, mother, father, sister, or brother is registered to vote in your election precinct of voting residence, he or she may use a special application provided by the election official to request that an absentee ballot be mailed to you.

Instructions continue in Section III: Uniformed Services & Civilians Outside U.S.

II. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

A. Who Can Do It

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of Illinois and overseas citizens. The term "overseas citizen(s)" means a U.S. citizen who resides outside the U.S. and (but for such residence) would be qualified to vote in Illinois.

- Illinois residents temporarily residing outside the U.S. (Consult Section B below for ballot type eligibility)
- overseas citizens (for Federal office ballots only)

B. Registering and Requesting an Absentee Ballot

You should send an FPCA to your local election official early every year and whenever you change your mailing address (see Chapter 2).

Notify Your Local Election Official About Your Current Mailing Address

If you are an unregistered Illinois resident temporarily residing outside the U.S., the local election official must receive your FPCA not later than 30 days before the election. You will receive a ballot for local, state and Federal offices. However, if your FPCA arrives less than 30 days, but not later than 10 days before the election, registration is waived and the local election official will send you a ballot for Federal offices only.

If you are a registered Illinois resident temporarily residing outside the U.S., the local election official must receive your FPCA not later than 10 days before the election. You will receive a ballot for local, state and Federal offices.

If you are an overseas citizen, the local election official must receive your FPCA not less than 10 days before the election. Your registration is waived and you will be sent a ballot for Federal offices only.

C. Casting Your Vote

Ballot Return Deadline: Voted ballot must arrive at the local election office in sufficient time for delivery to polling place by 7 p.m. on election day.

Local election officials send regular absentee ballots 45 days before a primary or special election and 60 days before the general election.

If regular absentee ballots are not available 60 days before the general election, local election officials mail a Special Write-In Absentee Voter's Blank ballot with a list of candidates who have qualified to be on the ballot and all referenda for which the voter is qualified to vote.

If you have not received your state ballot in a timely manner, use the **Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot**. See instructions in Chapter 2, page 12.

D. Notary/Witness Requirements

FPCA: The FPCA and state ballot application forms are not notarized or witnessed.

However, if you are an unregistered Illinois resident temporarily residing outside the U.S. and wish to vote a ballot for local, state and Federal offices, you may be required to have the state registration form sworn to before a person or officer authorized to administer oaths.

Ballot Return Envelope: No notary or witness required.

E. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

Illinois does not allow electronic transmission of the FPCA, the blank absentee ballot or the voted absentee ballot.

Instructions continue in Section III: Uniformed Services & Civilians Outside U.S.

III. UNIFORMED SERVICES & CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

A. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons imprisoned for any crime may not register or vote. However, persons on parole are not prohibited from voting.

B. Cancellation of Registration

Registration is suspended unless a confirmation notice mailed to the registrant is returned prior to the next election. An application for ballot will reactivate the full registration during the period of two years if the registrant has not changed Illinois residence.

C. Action on Registration Requests

Notice of registration is sent by mail after an affidavit of registration is completed in duplicate and returned to the local election official.

D. Action Upon Denial of Registration or Absentee Ballot Request

Upon denial of your voter registration application or absentee ballot request, Illinois shall provide you with the reason(s) for the rejection.

E. Action If Registration Is Denied

Persons denied registration may appeal to the circuit court. Persons seeking to appeal should consult a legal assistance officer or civilian counsel.

F. Late Registration

Members of the U.S. Armed Forces or merchant marine or those discharged within 60 days of an election, who return to Illinois too late to register for the upcoming election are still entitled to vote in person in that election only by affidavit. Registration is not required.

G. Where To Send It

Mail the FPCA to the **County Clerk, City Board of Election Commissioners**, or **County Board of Election Commissioners** in your county or city of voting residence as listed below:

County Clerks

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Adams	507 Vermont, PO Box 1169, Quincy	62306-1169
Alexander	2000 Washington, Cairo	62914-1717
Bond	200 W. College, Greenville	62246-1088
Boone	601 N. Main, Suite 202, Belvidere	61008-2644
Brown	#1 Court Street, Mount Sterling	62353-1285
Bureau	700 S. Main, Princeton	61356-2078
Calhoun	PO Box 187, Hardin	62047-0187
Carroll	PO Box 152, Mount Carroll	61053-1044
Cass	Courthouse, Virginia	62691-1322
Champaign	1776 E. Washington, Urbana	61802-4578
Christian	PO Box 647, Taylorville	62568-0647
Clark	Courthouse, Marshall	62441-1275

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Clay	PO Box 160, Louisville	62858-0160
Clinton	PO Box 308, Carlyle	62231-0308
Coles	651 Jackson Ave., Rm. 122, Charleston	61920-2053
Cook	69 W. Washington, 5th Floor, Chicago	60602-1304
Crawford	PO Box 602, Robinson	62454-0602
Cumberland	PO Box 146, Toledo	62468-0146
De Kalb	110 E. Sycamore, Sycamore	60178-1497
De Witt	201 W. Washington St., PO Box 43, Clinton	61727-1628
Douglas	PO Box 467, Tuscola	61953-0467
Edgar	115 W. Court St., Room "J", Paris	61944-1785
Edwards	50 E. Main Street, Albion	62806-1262
Effingham	101 N. 4th, Box 628, Effingham	62401-0628
Fayette	PO Box 401, Vandalia	62471-0401
Ford	200 W. State St., Rm 101, PO Box 568, Paxton	60957-1199
Franklin	202 W. Main, PO Box 607, Benton	62812-0607
Fulton	PO Box 226, Lewistown	61542-0226
Gallatin	PO Box 550, Shawneetown	62984-0550
Greene	519 N. Main, Carrollton	62016-1033
Grundy	111 E. Washington, PO Box 675, Morris	60450-0675
Hamilton	Courthouse, McLeansboro	62859-1489
Hancock	Courthouse, PO Box 39, Carthage	62321-0039
Hardin	Courthouse, PO Box 187, Elizabethtown	62931-0187
Henderson	Courthouse, PO Box 308, Oquawka	61469-0308
Henry	100 South Main, Cambridge	61238-1232
Iroquois	1001 E. Grant, Watseka	60970-1882
Jackson	Courthouse, Murphysboro	62966-2177
Jasper	100 W. Jourdan, Newton	62448-1973
Jefferson	Courthouse, Room 105, Mount Vernon	62864-4012
Jersey	201 W. Pearl, Jerseyville	62052-1662
Jo Daviess	330 N. Bench, Galena	61036-1323
Johnson	PO Box 96, Vienna	62995-0096
Kane	719 S. Batavia, PO Box 70, Geneva	60134-0070
Kankakee	189 E. Court Street, Kankakee	60901-3892
Kendall	111 W. Fox, Yorkville	60560-1621
Knox	Courthouse, Galesburg	61401-4991
Lake	18 N. County Road, Room 101, Waukegan	60085-4364
La Salle	707 Etna Road, PO Box 430, Ottawa	61350-0430
Lawrence	Courthouse, Lawrenceville	62439-2341
Lee	PO Box 385, Dixon	61021-0385
Livingston	112 W. Madison, Pontiac	61764-1629
Logan	PO Box 278, Lincoln	62656-0278
Macon	141 S. Main, Room 104, Decatur	62523-1235
Macoupin	PO Box 107, Carlinville	62626-0107
Madison	157 N. Main St., Suite. 109, PO Box 218 Edwardsville	62025-0218
Marion	PO Box 637, Salem	62881-0637
Marshall	122 N. Prairie, PO Box 328, Lacon	61540-0328
Mason	PO Box 77, Havana	62644-0077
Massac	PO Box 429, Metropolis	62960-0429
McDonough	Elections #10 McDonough Co Courthouse, Macomb	61455-2200
McHenry	2200 N. Seminary Avenue, Woodstock	60098-2693
McLean	104 W. Front St., Box 2400, Bloomington	61702-2400
Menard	PO Box 465, Petersburg	62675-0465
Mercer	PO Box 66, Aledo	61231-0066
Monroe	100 S. Main, Waterloo	62298-1399

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Montgomery	PO Box 465, Hillsboro	62049-0465
Morgan	PO Box 1387, Jacksonville	62651-1387
Moultrie	Courthouse, Sullivan	61951-1969
Ogle	Courthouse, PO Box 357, Oregon	61061-0357
Peoria	Courthouse, 324 Main Street, Peoria	61602-1319
Perry	PO Box 438, Pinckneyville	62274-0438
Piatt	101 W. Washington, PO Box 558 Monticello	61856-0558
Pike	Courthouse, Pittsfield	62363-1496
Pope	Courthouse, PO Box 216, Golconda	62938-0216
Pulaski	Courthouse, PO Box 109, Mound City	62963-0109
Putnam	Courthouse, PO Box 236, Hennepin	61327-0236
Randolph	Courthouse, Chester	62233-0309
Richland	Courthouse, Olney	62450-2170
Rock Island	1504 3rd Avenue, County Building, Rock Island	61201-8646
Saline	Courthouse, 10 E. Poplar, Harrisburg	62946-1703
Sangamon	200 S. 9th Street, Springfield	62701-1632
Schuyler	Courthouse, PO Box 200, Rushville	62681-0200
Scott	Courthouse, Winchester	62694-1238
Shelby	Courthouse, PO Box 230, Shelbyville	62565-0230
Stark	130 W. Main, PO Box 97, Toulon	61483-0097
St. Clair	10 Public Square, Belleville	62220-1639
Stephenson	15 N. Galena Ave., Suite 1, Freeport	61032-4399
Tazewell	McKenzie Bldg., 4th & Court Sts., Pekin	61554-4298
Union	Courthouse, PO Box H, Jonesboro	62952-0478
Vermilion	Courthouse, 6 N. Vermilion, Danville	61832-5879
Wabash	Courthouse, PO Box 277, Mt. Carmel	62863-0277
Warren	Courthouse, 100 W. Broadway, Monmouth	61462-1797
Washington	100 East St Louis Street, Nashville	62263-1100
Wayne	Courthouse, PO Box 187, Fairfield	62837-0187
White	Courthouse, PO Box 339, Carmi	62821-0339
Whiteside	Courthouse, 200 E. Knox, Morrison	61270-2819
Will	Courthouse, 302 N. Chicago, Joliet	60432-4060
Williamson	200 W. Jefferson, PO Box 1108, Marion	62959-2494
Winnebago	404 Elm Street, Rockford	61101-1276
Woodford	115 N. Main, Room 202, Eureka	61530-1274

County Board of Election Commissioners

County	Address	Zip Code
Dupage	421 N. County Farm Rd., PO Box 1087, Wheaton	60189-1087

City Board of Election Commissioners:

City	Address	Zip Code
Aurora	77 S. Stolp Avenue	60506
Bloomington	200 W. Front St-Suite 400D,	61701-5048
Chicago	69 W. Washington, Suite 600-800	60602-3012
Danville	6 N. Vermillion	61832-5842
E. St. Louis	8740 State Street, Suite 200	62203-2099
Galesburg	55 W. Tompkins, PO Box 1387	61402-1387
Peoria BEC	542 SW Adams	61602-1553
Rockford	301 S. 6th St.	61104-2195

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